

PAST STATE PRESIDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Name:	Shirley Beckett		
Years Served on State or Provincial Board:	1983-1990		
Years presided as president:	1990		
What was Your Theme?	Reach Out		
What were you contemplating when you selected this theme?			
Encouraging the "inclusiveness" of P.E.O.			
What was the central message of your acceptance speech as President? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)			
The many ways we can "Reach Out" to the sisters in our own chapters and in the community: to the women who are recipients of our projects.			
As you wrapped up your Presidency you had thoughts: what were they? (You might quote from your speech – or just reflect on it)			
What a wonderful "supportive" organization P.E.O. is and the projects we support are so meaningful.			
Please list an accomplishment (or two) from your tenure on the board.			
Briefly – what does P.E.O. mean to you?			
An organization of supportive women (sisters) which has provided projects that support many women's educations.			
Briefly – can you provide a personal philosophy about philanthropy in P.E.O.?			
Philanthropy is an integral part of our society -- making "great" things happen in education.			
When/where did you become a P.E.O.?			
In Boston, Mass in 1943 -- Chapter D			
To which chapters have you belonged?			
Boston, Mass; Ames, IA; Iowa City, IA; Auburn, AL (E); Davenport, IA (IR)			
What offices have you held in the local chapter?			
President, VP, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Guard, Chaplain			
Since your Executive Board experience, what have you done in P.E.O.?			
Attend local chapter meetings as often as possible			
Please list your Education and degrees earned?			
MS in Nutrition at U. of Iowa; BS in Foods and Nutrition at U. of Vermont			
Your Employment?			

Always a homemaker
Your Family members?
Husband, Royce, deceased; son, Scott; daughters, Susan and Barbara
Your family who are P.E.O.s?
Daughter, Barbara Harris
Your Awards?
Elected President of the Iowa Dietetic Association
Your Interests?
Cooking, hiking, traveling, attending sporting events
Your activities outside P.E.O.?
Watching grandchildren in sporting events and at family activities
Is there anything else you'd like to add?
<p>Won many sports events as a camper at Camp Waldemar, Kerville, Texas. Enjoyed traveling on cruises to Alaska, Canada, Carribbean, Hawaii with Platt. Now travel with daughter, Carolyn, to Egypt, Africa, Peru, Galopogoes, Italy. I've had a wonderful life!</p> <p>Our convention in Montgomery was marked by torrential rains so that we could not have the president's dinner on a riverboat cruise. The dock was under a foot of water. Lilas Brandhorst was our internnational visitor who later was President.</p>